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SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN TO ATTEND CENTO MEETING

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US HAT FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN WILL PARTICIPATE CENTO MEETING, ARRIVING ANDREWS AFB 5 P.M. MAY 20 ON RAF PLANE. ACCOMPANIED BY MCNALLY (POLITICAL SECRETARY), ACKLAND (PRIVATE SECRETARY), WEIR (ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY--MIDDLE EAST), SMITH (ODA--BRITISH EQUIVALENT AID) PATRICK WRIGHT (FCO--IRAN AND CENTO), BURTON (WRIGHT'S ASSISTANT), SIR HORACE PHILLIPS (AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY), AIR MARSHALL CROWLEY MILLING (MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE AT CENTO), MCCAFFREY (PRESS OFFICER) AND ANOTHER PRIVATE SECRETARY NOT YET DESIGNATED.

2. CALLAGHAN HOPES FIND TIME FOR BILATERAL WITH SECRETARY OUTSIDE OF CENTO CONTEXT. BRITISH EMBASSY NOTES THAT PRINCIPALS MAY BE FREE TUESDAY AFTERNOON MAY 21. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS BRITISH, IRANIAN, TURKISH AND PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTERS MAY BE RECEIVED AT WHITE HOUSE THAT AFTERNOON, BUT CALLAGHAN WOULD HOPE TO SEE SECRETARY BEFORE OR AFTER WHITE
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HOUSE OR PERHAPS AT 5 P.M. MAY 22.

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR GIVING DINNER EVENING MAY 22 TO WHICH SECRETARY, SENATORS FULBRIGHT AND MANSFIELD, SPEAKER ALBERT, GEORGE MEANY AND OTHERS WILL BE INVITED.

4. CENTO OBLIGATIONS WILL NOT LEAVE MUCH TIME FOR MEDIA EXPOSURE BUT EMBASSY CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY TV MORNING SHOW AND BACKGROUNDER FOR BRITISH PRESS.

5. CALLAGHAN PLANS DEPART ANDREWS LATE EVENING MAY 22. RUSH

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